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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 400 BLOCK OF WEST GRANT ROAD

The Tucson Police Department is actively investigating a fatal shooting that took place early this afternoon.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to the report of a shooting in a parking lot just west of the intersection of North Oracle Road and West Grant Road. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male with obvious signs of gunshot trauma and immediately began rendering first aid. Tucson Fire transported the male to Banner University Medical Center with life threatening injuries. The shooter remained at the scene of the incident and cooperated with investigating officers.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Aggravated Assault Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that shortly before the incident, the man who was shot had entered the Circle K located at 333 West Grant Road and shoplifted items from the store. Multiple people witnessed the shoplifting and the suspect was followed. One of the citizens followed the suspect to a parking lot in the 400 block of West Grant Road. The suspect confronted the citizen by picking up a large log and holding it over his shoulder. The citizen then pulled out a handgun and shot the suspect as the suspect began advancing toward him.

The suspect later died at the hospital from his injuries. He has been identified as 46-year-old Gerald Ramon. Next of kin have been notified.

Witnesses remained on scene and spoke with detectives. At this time, no charges have been filed against the citizen who discharged his firearm. The investigation is ongoing and additional details will be released as they become available.

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